

"Summer has filled her veins with light and her heart is washed with noon." - C. Day-Lewis

Lime Bikes Update: Parking Bays and Remaining Questions

As we are aware, the increase in the use of dockless electric bikes has had both benefits and disadvantages. On the one hand, users can leave the bikes near their destination when they have completed their journey, and on the other hand, if they are left thoughtlessly they are unsightly and can be a danger to pedestrians and others.



The Kingston upon Thames Society has published a very useful paper; A green transport idea undermined by pavement delinquency, which summarises very clearly the issues

and contradictions that the increase in e-bike use raises. <https://kts.org.uk/a-green-transport-idea-undermined-by-pavement-delinquency/> The case for these bikes includes an increase in local travel without a car, enabling users to avoid traffic hold-ups and to tackle hills that might be too daunting on an ordinary bike. The opposite view cites the danger and unsightliness of e-bikes becoming obstructions on the pavement and potentially a hazard, particularly for those with limited sight and for those with buggies, mobility vehicles or wheelchairs. But a tension arises when the financial dimension is considered. To remove bikes which are blocking pavements involves a cost. If the Council takes this on, it would be a considerable task that would initially entail a cost for the authority but in the longer term generate income. The Kingston Society report suggests that income from local contracts and

finances could be in the region of £55,000 for local authorities, rising to £90,000 as use increases. This might well be an attractive source of income for councils. Alternatively, an agreement which puts the responsibility for the collection of e-bikes on the provider would pass on most of the costs to providers but also entail a loss of income and control for the Council. Different councils have responded to what seems to be a widespread problem with alternative solutions. Westminster and the City of London both have a network of designated geocached parking bays. Lambeth had 340 dedicated kerb-side bays. European cities, according to the Kingston report have reacted differently. Paris has banned e-scooters after a public vote, Madrid is taking steps to remove licences from operators who cease to meet their contractual responsibilities, and Prague is banning e-scooters but not e-bikes.

So, what has been the response of our Council?
In February, the Council advised that it was 'proposing designated on-street parking bays for dockless e-bikes, the use of which will be mandatory for users.' It would introduce 54 bays across the borough and consult on the proposals in March.
In April, *Westcombe News* published details of the proposals for our area. Greenwich Wire informs us that the council will, 'introduce an initial 29 parking bays for Lime Bikes and is set to sign an agreement to cover their use by Forest bikes.' A Memorandum of Understanding with Forest Bikes was agreed at the end of May.
Several questions remain: How quickly will obstructing bikes be removed? What will happen if bays become full? What penalties will be imposed and how will they be collected? Will there be a simple way of reporting problems?
Time will tell. *Maggie Gravelle*

No Summer Loving from Thameslink

Just as rail users were getting excited and looking forward to December with the restoration of a daytime train service of 6 trains an hour (subject to regulatory approval), Thameslink have spoilt the party and will plunge us back during the summer holidays to a Covid-era service level of only 3 trains an hour, with a 30 minute gap between 2 of them.



The published timetable shows Thameslink providing 2 trains an hour but they have announced that, from 18 July to 29 August, their service will be halved to hourly during the middle of the day and all day Saturday. Local stakeholder groups have reacted strongly to this announcement and sent protests to GTR, who run the Thameslink service. They have been supported by MPs with constituencies along the line, including our local MP, Matthew Pennycook, who has written to the Rail Minister, Lord Hendy. GTR's explanation is that fewer

people travel during the summer holidays so they are "temporarily aligning some of our services with the change of usage" to reduce costs. They claim that usage falls in the summer by 6% across the network and by 15% in the peak period, but have provided no supporting evidence for this claim and, in any case, it does not support the level of cuts they are making. Peak time services will continue to run, but on Mondays to Fridays 29% of services on the Greenwich line will be cut (20 out of the 70 Thameslink services). On Saturdays, 50% of services will be cut. Even if the figures for the reduced usage levels are correct, in no way can these cuts be said to align services with usage levels. GTR also justify it by saying that similar changes are being made by other operators. They have not named any other operator in London, or another metro area, which is making summer service cuts. Avanti is cutting services in the summer, but that is a long-distance operator serving a different market. Finally, GTR say these cuts will "unlock savings that can be re-invested to support and improve services throughout the year", without quantifying those savings and explaining what improvements are being planned. None of the explanations given by GTR stand up to scrutiny. There are some suspicions that these cuts have more to do with the well-known shortage of drivers on Thameslink but, whether that is the case or not, "summer holiday" cuts in rail services have not been made before and it is important that it does not become an annual feature. Thameslink potentially provides a

good service but it has been plagued by cancellations, late running and reduced frequencies. Providing a reliable and frequent service must be the priority for GTR so its potential can be realised.
SUMMER CLOSURES
In other news, it has been announced that Charing Cross and Waterloo East stations will be closed from 26 July to 16 August. This is to enable track to be renewed and structural repairs to Hungerford Bridge and Charing Cross platforms to take place. Whilst train services on the Greenwich Line no longer serve these stations direct, many passengers change at London Bridge to reach them. Southeastern say that during the closure tickets will be

accepted on the underground and buses at no extra cost.
Mike Sparham

THE CUTS IN DETAIL
Monday-Friday
To London (from Westcombe Park): every service at xx.41 will be cut from 09.41 to 17.41.
From London Bridge: every service at xx.18 will be cut from 08.18 to 14.18, plus the 06.48 and 20.18.
Some other services will be cut back to West Hampstead.
Saturday
To London (from Westcombe Park): every service at xx.41 cut
From London Bridge: every service at xx.18 cut

PARKS*fest*26

Friends of Mycenae Gardens present
Mycenae House & Gardens

Sunnyday
Sunday

SUNDAY 23 August
12 - 5.30pm

Live Music Kids Activities Nature Trail Craft & Arts
Dance Performances Have A Go Wellbeing Advice

'Always a great event'

 Greenwich Parks Forum

www.parksfest.org

 supported by
ROYAL borough of GREENWICH

WESTCOMBE SOCIETY

Westcombe News

PUBLISHER
The Westcombe Society
c/o 163 Westcombe Hill, SE3 7DP or
info@westcombesociety.org

CHAIR: Geoff Brighty

EDITOR: Christine Fells

EDITORIAL TEAM / CONTRIBUTORS
Marilyn Little
Polly Morgan
Anne Robbins
Ann Hill
Diane Blackwell

ALL EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE/PRESS MATERIAL TO BE SENT TO:
wnews@westcombesociety.org
Deadline for September Copy – 14th August 2026

SUB EDITOR
Annie Grey

ENVIRONMENT
Editor: Maggie Gravelle
All comments and queries to
Emily Norton: 0208 853 2756
environment@westcombesociety.org

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Marilyn Little
advertising@westcombesociety.org
Deadline for September Advertising – 17th August 2026

DISTRIBUTION/DELIVERY
Emily Norton and volunteers
Tel: 0208 853 2756
info@westcombesociety.org

PRINTING
Trojan Press.
Email: info@trojanpress.co.uk
www.trojanpress.co.uk

The views expressed in the Westcombe News are not necessarily those of the Westcombe Society or of the Editor. We take all reasonable precautions to protect the interests of our readers by ensuring as far as possible the bona fides of our advertisers but cannot accept any responsibility for them. Any complaints should be addressed to the advertiser.
To access back numbers (in colour) go to:
<http://www.westcombesociety.org/westcombenews>

Westcombe Society Membership

We would be delighted to receive your support and annual membership subscription.

Family membership	£15
Individual membership	£12
Senior Citizens and Unwaged	£6

Please send payment to:
Christine Legg, 69 Mycenae Road, London, SE3 7SE
or email:
membership@westcombesociety.org

Advertising Rates

SIZE	Per Issue Cost	5 Issue Discounted Cost
Standard 6cm x 6cm (one column wide)	£48	£220
2 x standard (horizontal or vertical)	£76	£350
3 x standard	£107	£485
4 x standard	£138	£620

Letters of Thanks:

Westcombe Society Donation Supports Age Exchange Dementia Services

Age Exchange has recently received a donation of £500 from The Westcombe Society. Our charity would like to express its sincere thanks to The Westcombe Society for supporting its programme supporting local people living with dementia and their family carer.

At its much-loved centre in Blackheath, Age Exchange currently runs three groups for people living with dementia. These include: Tuesday Club (Reminiscence, activities and visual arts), Joyful Voices (our dementia choir), and Dance for Health (dance and movement) - these run every Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Our groups are designed to support the health and well-being of all who take part. This last year we have provided 893 hours of support across the year, supported 209 people living with dementia and 157 family carers and 11 paid carers, had eight volunteers support our three groups. 195,000 people of all ages have visited Age Exchange in the last 12 months and taken part in many different activities as well as enjoyed using our library and community café. In the last 12 months we have won two best practice awards. If you would like to know more about Age Exchange please drop in – we are just opposite Blackheath railway station – or visit our website www.age-exchange.org.uk. If you are a person living with dementia or caring for someone living with

dementia and would like to join one of our FREE groups, call us on 020 8318 9105 and take a look at our Creative Dementia Care Programme here at www.age-exchange.org.uk/hub-cafe/referrals/.

Thank you again to The Westcombe Society for its support.

David Savill, Creative Director, Age Exchange.
hello@age-exchange.org.uk

Supporting Music and Dementia Care: LIFT Music - Thanks Westcombe Society

Dear Westcombe News Team, On behalf of everyone involved with LIFT Music, we would like to express our sincere thanks for the generous award of £500 towards our dementia-related work at Mycenae House.

LIFT Music is a gesture-controlled music creation app developed to support people with cognitive and physical impairments, helping to make music accessible to those who may otherwise face barriers to participation. We are currently delivering dementia-focused sessions in partnership with the Dementia Team at Oxleas NHS Mental Health, offering opportunities for creativity, connection, and meaningful engagement through music.

This funding will make a real difference, helping to cover room costs for the sessions at Mycenae House and supporting refreshments for participants. We are incredibly grateful for your support and for recognising the value of community projects that improve the wellbeing of people living with dementia.

With thanks,
Kate, Stuart & the Team
Kate Billinge, Headsoup Ltd

Lesley Hodsdon

She was an indefatigable officer of the Greenwich Society. The Westcombe Society had worked with her on a number of projects. Most notably on the holding of the Equestrian Olympics in Greenwich Park. Lesley was one of the founder members of the Greenwich Line Users Group, in which she used her considerable experience of working in the railways of Australia and Britain to bring benefits to our local community, including the development of the Thameslink rail service bringing cross London routes to the Greenwich line.

She lived a full life and was a vibrant character who made friends wherever she went thanks to her sharp intelligence and warm personality.

Lesley died in April after a short illness and had returned to Australia to be with her family.

Her friends and colleagues were able to share their memories of Lesley with her family at a 'Celebration of her life' held in Greenwich in June.

News Brief

The Westcombe Society has received a number of complaints from residents concerning Street cleaning. These issues have been shared with our Councillors who are in some cases already working to resolve. The Westcombe News will provide an update as and when advised.

ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING & All Handyman jobs NO JOB TOO SMALL

Clean & reliable, with 35yrs experience

07931 790 957
Lbbuilders@ntlworld.com

R.G. Austin

(Established 1963)

Heating Engineers, Property Maintenance, Electrics, Painting, Decorating, Plumbing, Central Heating,

Shower and Bathroom Specialists

2A Hassendean Rd, Blackheath SE3 8TS
Telephone: 0208 858 7359
rgaustintltd@gmail.com

Emergencies: 07738124344
email: rgaustintltd@gmail.com

The WS Spring Quiz Night: Another Full House



Friday 29 May was our 10th Quiz Night. Patrick, Peter and I took over from Jean-Jacques for the Autumn Quiz Night of 2021. Our tenth session was full, with twelve tables of teams of six. Sadly, we could have accommodated another four tables, but we didn't have the physical space in the main hall of Mycenae House.

Having now written ten Quiz Nights, I would like to believe we have improved since our first outing! We work towards a mix of subjects and create a range of brainteaser questions that are easy, challenging, amusing, educational and downright stinkers. We have two table quizzes and six subject-specific questions, that I read out. There is also a raffle. And as always there was fish and chips available in the break. The bar was kept very busy! The evening raises much-needed money for the Westcombe Society.

Peter, Patrick and I received some very enthusiastic positive feedback at the end, which helps keep our motivation at a high level! We have a lot of fun creating the quiz, and we hope all the contestants had a jolly, fun-filled evening with friends.

Robbie Swales, Quiz Master

Notice of Death

It is with great sadness that we announce the death on 11th June of Jenny Moloney. For many years Jenny lived on Westcombe Hill and was an active member of the Westcombe Society and St George's community. She will be remembered with much affection, a warm and generous person. Our deepest sympathies to her children and grandchildren, and her numerous friends. She will be greatly missed.

Advertising Manager

The Westcombe News seeks a new advertising manager. Tasks in this voluntary position include responding to queries for new ads, invoicing and monitoring payment. Many advertisers pre-pay for future ads, so monthly invoicing is minimal. Basic spreadsheet skills a bonus but training could be given. Around 7/10 hours over the month would be needed. Please contact Marilyn on Advertising@westcombesociety.org or 07939386215

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Blackheath Halls Opera Marks 20th Anniversary Amid Funding Appeal



The Blackheath Community Opera is always a memorable production, including professional soloists and members of the community from all walks of life and of all ages. What they share is enormous energy, enthusiasm and commitment. This year's production is Carmen, a firm favourite from the repertoire. The community opera is now under threat due to the withdrawal of Arts Council funding. Fortunately, local businesses - Ginko Financial alongside Grant Saw Solicitors, Rectory Court and Leah Lodge - have stepped up to sponsor the company. But more support is still needed, and Blackheath Halls are appealing to existing and potential sponsors, patrons and Friends, pointing out that the charity has no core funding

and relies on donations to "keep our inspiring programmes alive." We are delighted to share that the Carmen appeal is making wonderful progress, thanks to the generosity of the community. Fundraising is still ongoing, and every donation continues to make a real difference - only another £3,000 is needed to help achieve everything planned for this special year. This year is particularly momentous, as it marks the 20th anniversary of Blackheath Halls Opera with one of the world's most beloved operas, Carmen, and supporters are warmly encouraged to be part of it. Donations can be made via the website: www.blackheathhalls.com/whats-on/blackheath-halls-opera-carmen/

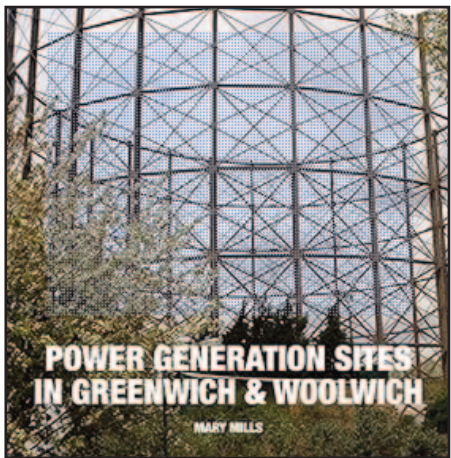
Greenwich Yacht Club Race Raises £1,800 for RNLI Tower Lifeboat Station



Greenwich Yacht Club's third annual fundraising cruiser race took place on Sunday May 10. 15 boats raced to Erith Reach and back in favourable conditions of a north-east wind. Congratulations to all competitors. The winner was

Loflyer. Skipper John Barnard accepted the winner's trophy of a ship's decanter from the Mayor of Greenwich, Councillor Linda Bird. His delighted crew, Timandra Harkness and Sean Collins, were alongside. After the winner's presentation, a raffle represented the bulk of the fundraising efforts. Several local and boating-related businesses plus some Greenwich Yacht Club members, donated a range of amazing raffle prizes. Over £1,800 was raised for the RNLI Tower Lifeboat Station.

Book Review



Power Generation Sites in Greenwich and Woolwich
by Dr MARY Mills
Format: Paperback

A site-by-site description of power supply in heavily industrialised south east London. the book looks at buildings and organisations from windmills and tidemills, through gas and electricity. It includes sites in Woolwich's 'Secret City' - the Royal Arsenal - along with the oldest power station, as we would understand it, in the world, the largest installation for town gas storage ever and also one of the first to generate power from domestic waste. This is a non-technical work aimed at the general reader and all those interested in how our world today developed.
£15 Amazon

BJWP Public Meeting: What did we learn?

The meeting was quite well attended. We heard about the events that were coming for the rest of this year and something about those planned for next year. Greenwich has appointed a biodiversity officer, something that those interested in nature conservation in the borough have long been asking for. Thames Water are planning a 'supermain' which will cross the heath. The Royal Borough is pushing for tunnelling, rather than "cut and cover" to reduce its impact - watch this space! Lewisham council have been able to replace a lot of rusted litter bins and continue to restore benches to provide a resilient base to reduce wear from people's feet. We heard from Joe Beale on his butterfly surveys. There was a lot of lively discussion about a number of topics, particularly the prospect of a 2-day marathon next year, litter on the Heath, excess wear on the Heath at the entrance to the Fireworks event space, and whether there should be any tree planting at all on the Heath. The 2-day marathon is unconfirmed as the organisers have not yet completed negotiations with all of the councils involved. The volume of litter left after the

marathon on the edge of the Heath, including large quantities of banana skins, was an issue with some Blackheath residents saying that it took much too long to be cleared this year. Both councils mentioned online reporting of litter issues using: cleanerlewisham.lovecleanstreets.com for the Lewisham side and fix.royalgreenwich.gov.uk for the Greenwich side. The organisers of the fireworks are planning to move the site this year to reduce the impact on the Heath. Up to twenty trees are due to be planted on the Lewisham side of the Heath, mostly to replace existing trees. Some attendees pointed out that the Heath is designated as Site of Metropolitan Interest for Nature Conservation because of its rare grasses, and that tree planting should be resisted. The Lewisham ecology officer assured them that she had personally checked that none of the chosen sites would affect any of these areas of acid grassland, but it was clear that this argument was not over. It was a rather small room, with extra chairs having to be brought in, but a lot of people stayed to the end and had to be persuaded to leave.

Mike Norton

CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Treasure Omolara Adepeju Johnson of 57 Westcombe Park Road, SE3 7RN have changed my name to Treasure Omolara Adepeju Balogun and shall hereafter be known by that name only.
Dated: 15/6/26



Property Plus DECORATORS
Barry Chenoweth
M: 07900 243 677
T: 01322 280 839
barry@propertyplusdecorators.co.uk

Family Run Business
Established 1989
All Types of Painting and Decorating
Specialist in Water Damage Repairs
Insurance Work
Free Quotations
Fully Insured



St Olave's Prep School



Contact us for further information or to arrange a tour
“ The quality of the pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent ”
ISI Inspection Report
www.stolaves.org.uk. Call 020 8294 8930

FEATURES

Celestial Brings Britain’s Got Talent Magic to Greenwich



Drone artists Celestial turned the night sky into their stage with an incredible drone show at the end of May, making Greenwich Park and the London Thames and our very own Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich their playground. Watch them light up the Semi-Final with dolphins, a dragon and a Live Show Golden Buzzer!

We caught up with Luke Flynn, the Estates Operations Manager at the Old Royal Naval College, who told us how this incredible entry into Britain’s Got Talent semi-final on ITV1 came about, and how they smashed their way through to the final.

“The enquiry came about through a combination of factors, as many of ours do. Celestial has previously worked on site in partnership with Company of Cooks and based on that existing relationship and familiarity with the location, they proposed using the Old Royal Naval College as a backdrop to achieve the visual they were looking for. The enquiry therefore came via this prior relationship.

The production was delivered by Talkback Thames, and I liaised with them throughout on logistics, timings, agreed areas and general coordination. The scale of the display was significant, involving just under 1,000 drones, which required careful setup, cordoning

and management within the estate footprint. This can be complex given the number of site partners and ongoing public access, and the two shows were shot back-to-back overnight.



In terms of other filming activity, we’re not able to comment on projects that are still in development, unreleased or yet to film. However, the site does feature prominently in the upcoming Jack Ryan: Ghost War, including a large-scale explosive set piece.

Also worth noting, that we were also recently runner-up for Location of the Year (Site/Man-Made) at the Global Production Awards in Cannes last month.

Also, Patriot Games was filmed on site around 1991 and featured its own car explosion here. It’s not nearly as impressive as the recent one, and I believe it was actually far more dangerous to achieve, but still a great bit of ORNC filming history.”

Polly Morgan

Cards for Good Causes

Residents visiting Blackheath Library can now support charities and their local library simply by buying everyday greeting cards, gift wrap and small gifts from Cards for Good Causes. They are the UK’s largest multi-charity card retailer, who have launched a new year-round charity shopping display within the library, and they are delighted to be working with Blackheath Library on this initiative. Libraries are important shared spaces, and this partnership gives local people a simple but meaningful way to support charities while also helping their local library.

The display includes greeting cards for all occasions, gift wrap, stationery and selected gifts, with proceeds supporting charities and community organisations across the UK. Importantly, 100% of profits go to

charity, while Blackheath Library also receives a commission from sales to help support local services and activities. Residents are encouraged to visit the display at the library and see how everyday purchases can make a difference.

Cards for Good Causes is well known for its seasonal Christmas pop-up shops, which appear in more than 125 locations nationwide each year. The organisation works with charities including Barnardo’s, Alzheimer’s Society, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK and Mind. Over the past 10 years, the organisation and its venue partners have raised more than £20 million for charitable causes across the UK.

Find out more about Cards for Good Causes at cardsforcharity.co.uk

Met Engage

Summer Safety Special: Working Together to Keep Our Communities Safe

During the summer months, common issues such as burglary, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour, and opportunistic theft can rise. Open windows, unattended belongings, and empty homes can make tempting targets.

But the good news is that small, practical actions can make a big difference in protecting your home, your valuables, and your neighbourhood.

Top Tips to Stay Safe This Summer Secure Your Home

Always lock doors and windows—even if you’re just stepping out for a short time.

Use timer switches for lights when away to give the impression someone is home.

Avoid posting holiday plans on social media until you return.

Protect Your Vehicle

Never leave valuables on display inside your car.

Double-check that your vehicle is locked and windows are fully closed. Park in well-lit, busy areas where possible.

Stay Aware in Public Spaces

Keep bags zipped and close to you in crowded places.

Be mindful when using phones or carrying valuables in busy areas.

Report suspicious behaviour- if something doesn’t feel right, trust your instincts.

Community Matters

Summer is also a time when communities come alive - festivals, parks, and neighbourhood gatherings bring people together. Staying connected with your community can be one of the strongest deterrents to crime.

Look out for neighbours, especially those who may be away.

Join or support neighbourhood watch schemes or Met Engage

Engage with local policing teams and community officers.

See It. Say It. Sorted.

If you witness suspicious activity or have concerns, don’t ignore it. Reporting information promptly can prevent crime and keep others safe.

In an emergency, always dial **999**

For non-emergencies, contact **101** or your local police service

Anonymous reporting options are also available through organisations like Crimestoppers

VAWG

There is a walk and talk on 24th July 8pm - Westcombe Park train station entrance as part of the 'Violence Against Women and Girls' initiative. Just turn up to join a walk with two lady officers and there is a Street Briefing 4th August 120-123 Old Dover Road, outside the Library where officers will take your questions and concerns and update you with any local information.

Stay safe, stay aware- and have a fantastic summer! From the Blackheath Westcombe team

Chaos CALMED

Home Decluttering & Organising

Feeling overwhelmed at home? I get it!

No judgement just support calm home clear mind

Scan here for your free consultation

Bruca Gardens | Local gardeners

We offer regular and one-off garden maintenance services for private and residential gardens.

- Garden design
- Landscaping
- Garden clearance
- Garden maintenance
- Planting and soft landscaping
- Trees and shrubs specialist pruning

Contact us at **07896992548**
brucagardens.co.uk

The Pointer School

Part of **Dukes Education Family**

A leading London prep school for girls & boys 3-11 in Blackheath, SE London. Founded in 1950

“...our wonderful teachers and Head Teacher, Mrs Crookes. With patience, good humour, and just a little craziness, they have coaxed and inspired us to achieve things we would not have thought possible!”

Head: **Charlotte Crookes**

☎ 0208 293 1331 @pointers.school @pointerschool

FEATURES

Mary Stott: memories of a campaigning Women's Journalist

A new book has just come out, published by Greenwich Exchange about a well-known campaigning journalist, Mary Stott, who lived for many years in Blackheath before her death in 2002.

For nearly fifty years, she worked in journalism. She loved it. "I have lived all my life with the smell of newspapers," she wrote. "The sharp smell of the ink and the warm smell of the paper." She started with the Leicester Mail at the age of 17 - and two years later was put in charge of the women's page - this at a time when men dominated in the newspaper publishing industry.

Mary Stott was best known as the editor of the Guardian Women's Page for some 15 years. She pioneered a form of journalism that encouraged reader participation: as editor, she of course had well-known contributors - people like Katherine Whitehorn, Polly Toynbee, Liz Forgan and Jill Tweedie; not forgetting the cartoonist Posy Simmonds, who specialised in women's satire.

But countless others also contributed, readers, each with a story to tell, and issues to raise - for example, pre-school education, children in hospital, addiction, widows; so that the women's page broke away from traditional subjects like food, and fashion - what Mary called the 'wellies and jellies' school of journalism. Some very serious issues, too, were raised in her columns: domestic violence, birth control, abortion, unmarried mothers, single parent families, all addressed with a humane common sense.

This is the third most recent book by Jane Grant, a well-known figure in the women's movement; she wrote a history of Britain's oldest feminist/gender organisation The Fawcett Society, (In the Steps of Exceptional Women) profiling in particular Millicent Fawcett, a major figure in the women's suffrage campaign. Millicent is the only woman to have a statue erected to her in Parliament Square. Grant's second book, The Other Emmeline, was about Emmeline

Pethick-Lawrence, the well-known suffragette, who worked closely with Mrs Emmeline Pankurst; it was largely through her courage and determination that women's right to the full vote was finally won in 1928.

Where does Mary Stott fit into this pantheon of women? Modestly, but effectively. She never indulged in some of the bra-burning rhetoric of shouty feminists: instead she was 'organisation woman' (the title of one of her books). Her mantra was 'Action, not words.'

When her column highlighted issues, she helped to bring into being many women's organisations that even today make a difference to many women's lives, and played a key role in the Equal Opportunity Act. She also helped to found the National Association of Widows. Other influential organisations that helped women in their lives including The Pre-school Playgroup Association, the Disability Income Group, and Women in Media, aimed at improving women's place in the media.

A happily married woman until the death of her journalist husband Ken Stott, Mary wrote a very personal Chapter in her autobiography Forgetting is no Excuse about coping with bereavement, which Jane Grant says has been of enormous comfort to women. Even in retirement, Mary Stott continued to campaign for the rights of women, and in a deft bit of diplomacy even got Mrs Thatcher's support for her Women's Agenda, signed up to by over sixty women's organisations. She was much loved and respected by all who worked with her, and had many friends in Greenwich, especially through singing in local choirs, and she thoroughly deserves a book to commemorate her achievements. Grant hopes also to get a blue plaque put on her flat in Morden Road, Blackheath where she lived happily for thirty years.

Mary Stott, Pioneering Woman Journalist by Jane W Grant is published by Greenwich Exchange, available from the publisher <https://greenex.co.uk>; Price: £15.00

WN Reporter

BPS Celebrates Decades of Local Service



It can be a real thrill to chance upon one of those shops that, behind a small town exterior, opens out Tardis-like into an emporium of pet supplies, advice, bonhomie, plus a much more village-like level of customer service.

Blackheath Pet Supplies has been on the Old Dover Road at Blackheath Standard for over forty years and, given that people don't like moving away from the oasis of calm that is Blackheath Westcombe, there are plenty of customers who have been buying their pet supplies there since the early years.

After an illustrious career in fashion buying with the big names in the business, Temagin Thompson decided to give it all up and have a complete change of lifestyle so, when the original owners put the business on the market eight years ago, she bought it. Has she looked back? Only to wave goodbye to the rat race and say hello to the dog-loving, pet-loving, community in Blackheath.

The most popular products here, inevitably, are pet food and Temagin, known affectionately as the 'Pet Shop Lady', stocks a large range for a wide variety of household pets, even including dog ice-cream. She has spent a great deal of effort developing the Old Dover Road range, that provides excellent nutrition and value. And, if that large bag of dog food is too much for you to carry, all orders over £30 get free delivery to your door.

You can always tell when a shop enjoys the loyalty of its customers because conversations continue from one week to the next. And there is plenty to talk about - people consult their Pet Shop Lady on all matters such as nutrition, training, behavioural and medical issues, although Temagin is quick to tell you that the only qualification that she has is simply a wealth of experience.

So, if you love your pet, love a chat and love an interesting independent shop, Blackheath Pet Supplies remains a much-loved fixture at Blackheath Standard.

Tim Waters

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

An unhurried, nurturing and home-like environment that honours childhood through the head, heart and hands

KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY

For parents and their children aged 3-6

We accept early years funding

Booking essential

www.greenwich.waldorfschool.co.uk

SAT 4 JULY 10AM-12PM

Be part of the adventure! Nursery places

January 2027 entry

Applications open

Apply now for Year 3 & 4 places September 2026 entry (limited availability)

Nursery places September 2027 entry

Be part of an outstanding school

Find out more blackheathprep.co.uk

Part of the Eltham College Family of Schools

Book a visit

PAINTING & DECORATING

Interior/Exterior • Experienced • Reliable • Clean • Fully Guaranteed/Insured • References available • Free no obligation quote and advice given

JOHN at JAMES & LAMONT

Office 020 8462 4646

Mobile 07802 535695

jamlam.john@btinternet.com

TROJAN PRESS

PRINTING AT THE STANDARD SINCE 1978

- BUSINESS CARDS • FLYERS • INVOICES
- LETTERHEADS • BOOKS • BROCHURES
- CALENDARS • FORMS • INVITES
- ORDER OF SERVICES • PROGRAMMES

1a Lizban St, Blackheath, London SE3 8SS

Tel: 020 8853 2268

info@trojanpress.co.uk

www.trojanpress.co.uk

YOUR NEW COURSE

ART CLASS

Fun step-by-step sessions in 3 hour classes, morning or afternoon, for 3½ months

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS TO IMPROVERS... JUST LIKE YOU!

THE PERFECT GIFT!

020 8311 3185

MYCENAE HOUSE, BLACKHEATH

ENVIRONMENT

A Visit to a Local Urban Farm and Food Growing Course

Sitopia Farm offers discounted food growing courses and is a delightful organic food and flower farm nestled in the fields on the site of Woodlands Farm Trust and on our doorstep too. We went along to take a peek... Just after the Covid lockdowns ended, in 2021, Chloe, the founder of urban organic food and flower farm, who has recently been on maternity leave, found the wonderful soon-to-be site nestled in the fields of the established Woodlands Farm Trust - an educational working farm. Chloe was a senior civil servant but left that profession to complete a Master's in Food Policy. The name of the farm came from a book she read by author Carolyn Steel – Sitopia means Food Place. With a small piece of land, the team at Sitopia showcase how people could produce their own food, veg and flowers to live off the land, so to speak. Their idea was to help local people access good food. It's not subsidised by the Government, unfortunately, but they had backing from the London Mayor plus 400 local people which funded their polytunnels where they grow produce. 40% of farmers fall below the living wage, but at here they manage to pay themselves at least the London living wage, which is positive. They make their funds through veg box schemes to locals within a 5-6 mile radius, pop-up shops, courses such as the one I attended, corporate team days and educational visits. Growing and selling flowers organically is an important

source of income for the farm. They are certified organic and utilise the 'no dig' method, made famous in years gone by and used widely by farmers today. The two people who ran the food and flower growing course I attended this June were Ximena, a former textile designer who has been there two years and just retrained as she craved to be outside and grow veg. She was new to flower growing but now finds it joyful too. Katie, the other leader, had many career changes before finding her 'dream local job' after being a freelance photographer for many years. A vegetarian, she grew up in a house full of cooks so has a strong interest in food. She heard Chloe talk about the project on Radio 4 one day and says she then 'found her calling.' The farm itself is beautifully arranged and highly organised – with polytunnels growing vegetables I hadn't even heard of yet and fields full of beautiful, carefully selected wildflowers. They encourage beginners like me to know what space they have, what you like to eat and to start small, growing what they enjoy eating. They so say there are always going to be failures and that's OK - just keep growing! They work hard on the land and water it all twice a day. It is demanding work and they also need to take breaks themselves, such as holidays, as it is hard graft on the land. I learnt that different plants need different spacing, and they recommended a range of compost and seeds

suppliers to use to ensure plants are fully organic and to support UK organic growers. We had a lovely tour of the site, complete with delicious organic food for lunch and were gifted a beautiful bouquet of flowers that we had cut ourselves. Overall, it was a fascinating visit and a good example of a local project helping people reconnect with food growing and sustainable practices. If you have any weddings coming up, you can book them for flowers or consider local veg boxes. If you are interested in learning more or supporting local food initiatives, it is well worth a visit. See more here: <https://sitopiafarm.com/>

The treasure beneath our feet.....

Soil - who gives a second thought about it (and why we should)?! Yet soil is used to grow 95% of our food. It feeds us, captures carbon (it is the second largest carbon sink after the oceans) and is home to billions of living organisms. It's our reservoir of microbial diversity. It purifies our water and helps against flooding and drought. However- it is remarkably fragile and it takes 1,000 years to create just a few centimetres of topsoil to help land restoration. It is also, frighteningly, disappearing ten times faster than it is being replaced, due to a combination of climate change, intensive farming/ monoculture, pollution and land degradation. **How can we help? Grow your own food.** Take back control of your soil/what you eat/how it is grown, to ensure a safe and healthy diet and become more self-sufficient. **Protect your soil.** Whether it be a garden, windowsill or allotment- Avoid bare soil! **Make sure you keep soil covered;** with plants, edible crops or cover crops. Leaving soil bare is not good for its health. Rain can wash away soil

PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

www.westcombesociety.org

- 8 HUMBER ROAD ref 26/1520/HD
To construct single storey side infill extension.
- 60 HUMBER ROAD ref 26/1656/HD
To install external air conditioning unit and solar panels on the rear outrigger roof slope.
- 46 VANBRUGH PARK ref 26/1557/A
To install a non-illuminated fascia sign and a projecting sign at British Red Cross shop.
- 42 MYCENAE ROAD ref 26/1543/HD
To replace conservatory with single storey rear extension and landscaping.
- 15 COLERAINE ROAD ref 26/1474/F
To replace existing windows with double glazed PVCu casements and replace front and rear doors.
- TREE WORKS**
- 49 FOYLE ROAD ref 26/1699/TC
To fell hazel, bay and cherry plum in rear garden.

* Please be advised that the planning applications noted here are based on information available at the time of print. For the latest updates, please visit our website www.westcombesociety.org

nutrients and even the soil itself. **Feed your soil.** -Make and use a compost heap/bin. -Make use of fallen leaves and dead plants: they will recycle nutrients, add to soil organic matter and provide a home for wildlife. **Grow soil-saving plants.** Plant flowers/plants that benefit soil health. Legumes (eg. peas and lupins), trees and cover crops (eg. red clover and Phacelia). **Protect what soil you have, especially over winter.** -Mulch around plants. Use biodegradable materials like leaves, wood chips, or straw to create a natural blanket, protecting the soil from erosion, deterring weeds and pests, retaining moisture. -Leave winter weeds like dandelions and chickweed, which provide natural winter cover. Keep them in check by hoeing or applying mulch. - Grow ground cover plants where appropriate. - Support nature-friendly farming and organisations. The way we eat and farm can save our soil and improve its health naturally and safely. **Join an organic veg box scheme.** A healthy, pesticide-free soil is a prerequisite for organic farmers, whose lifeblood it is. **Speak out for soil.** Share this information to raise awareness: about how important soil is and why it needs our help.

Credits/Reference.
www.soilassociation.org

WRISTWORTH HEATING & PLUMBING

Installation - Servicing - Repair

Tel: 07725 008280
Email: wristworth@hotmail.co.uk

GAS safe REGISTER

Check Out Our Website: wristworthheating.weebly.com

A & A LANDSCAPES
Landscape Specialists

Free advice & estimates Qualified horticulturalist

All aspects of soft & hard landscaping work carried out including

- * Maintenance
- * Site clearance
- * Turfing
- * Tree surgery
- * Fencing
- * Patios
- * Brickwork

Tel. 020 8318 2530



BICKLEY PARK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT PREP SCHOOL FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 2½-13

Be All You Can Be

Weekly Tours Come and Visit
Find out more here: 

Now Co-ed!

14 & 24 Page Heath Lane, Bickley, Bromley, Kent BR1 2DS
www.bickleyparkschool.co.uk

 **The Cat Butler®**
Cats are happier at home

Going Away?
Trust The Cat Butler, the sitting service that's exclusively for cats!



Stress-Free Cattery Alternative
The Cat Butler offers a feline friendly alternative to a cattery, allowing your cat to stay happy in the familiarity of its own home.

Professional Cat Lovers at your Service
All of our Cat Butlers are passionate about cats and are fully vetted and insured, providing full peace of mind while you're away.

- ✓ Feline Friendly Cattery Alternative
- ✓ Affordable Daily Home Visits
- ✓ Free Home Care & Security Service
- ✓ Fully Vetted & Insured

Scan here for The Cat Butler Greenwich 

Give us a call and let us pamper your feline friends in the familiar surroundings of their own home!

0203 954160
greenwich@thecatbutler.co.uk
or visit us at www.thecatbutler.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

Mycenae House

Fri 3rd Jul 7.30pm - Fundraising Auction. Celebrate Global Fusion Music & Arts's 25th Year Anniversary with the Greenwich Blues Band and Special Guests. Free entry.

Sat 4th Jul 2pm - Children's Chess Tournament. Suitable for beginners to make their first competitive steps. £25.

Sat 11th Jul 2.30pm - Vital Flow Breathwork. Calm your nervous system, release stored tension, quiet the mind. £25.

Sat 18th Jul 1.30-5pm - Introduction to Face Painting. Learn how to paint a number of faces. £130.

Fri 31st Jul 12-4pm - Community Picnic. Bring your food and blanket for a community picnic in Mycenae Gardens. Free.

Fri 7th Aug 5.30pm - A Celebration of Summer. A glorious alfresco evening of Folk and Roots music with The Kimberleys in Mycenae Gardens. £16.

Fri 14th Aug 11am - Bach to Baby concert. Classical Concert for families. £16.

Thurs 20th Aug 11am - Baby Broadway Concert. The whole family can sing along to songs from hit musicals. £14.

Fri 21st Aug 7.30pm - The SWOP Sessions. Foot tapping, finger snapping, jazz, soul & blues with Open Mic. £8.

Sun 23rd Aug 12-5.30pm - PARKSfest Sunnyday Sunday. The Friends of Mycenae Garden present a fun community event for everyone. Free entry.

Sat 29th Aug 11am - Baby Knees Up Concert. A good old-fashioned family singalong. £14.

PLUS - an array of activities for children running throughout the Summer Holidays including Engineering Minds, JK Performing Arts, Code Ninjas, Tiptoes & Tappers, diddi dance, Baby Sensory + more. Check the website for dates!

For further information visit
www.mycenaehouse.co.uk

Cutty Sark

Niki Gorick: Dock Life is a photographic display that captures the varied lives and activities along London's dockside.

Dates: Daily
Time: 10.00 – 17.00
Age: Suitable for all ages
Location: Cutty Sark
Admission: Free with admission to the ship

Wellbeing Walk with Lira Valencia
Explore local wildlife and discover how accessible green spaces can support wellbeing, calm, and reflection in the middle of busy city life.

Date: 19 August 2026
Time: 14.30 – 16.30
Age: Suitable for ages 16-25
Location: National Maritime Museum, King William Walk Gate
Admission: Free

Young Carnival Creators
Take part in the legendary Notting Hill Carnival. These creative workshops across 10 weeks will support participants in designing and creating their own Carnival costume. Then participants can wear their costumes and learn choreography to perform in the Children's Day Parade at this year's Carnival.

Date: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July, 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2026
Time: 17.00 – 19.00
Age: Suitable for ages 16-25
Location: National Maritime Museum, Learning Space
Admission: Free
www.rmng.co.uk

The Arts Society Greenwich

www.theartssocietygreenwich.org.uk

Trannies, Taste and Teddy Bears: Uncovering the World of Grayson Perry
Monday 6 July at 7.30 pm (first Monday of the month)
Lecturer: Jacky Klein
Change of venue: Blackheath High Junior School, Wemyss Road, Blackheath SE3 OTG
Please note entrance via Paragon Place, Blackheath SE3 OSP
Guests very welcome: £10
The definitive lecture on Britain's favourite artist, by the author and lecturer who knows him best. Jacky has written the authoritative monograph on Grayson's work, a best-selling book now in its third edition and covering the artist's life and work, his loves and artistic inspirations, from his earliest student projects of the 1980s to his very latest work. Jacky Klein is an art historian, publisher, writer and broadcaster, specialising in modern and contemporary art. After studying at Oxford University and the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, she worked as a curator at a number of leading galleries: Tate, the Barbican, the Courtauld and the Hayward. In 2008, she moved sideways into the world of art publishing, first as Commissioning Editor at Thames & Hudson, then as Executive Editor at Tate Publishing and subsequently as Director of HENI Publishing, a small independent arts publisher. Jacky has presented and contributed to a range of television programmes for the BBC and is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's arts review programme, 'Front Row'.

Royal Observatory



Mirror Moon by Luke Jerram
A monumental sculpture of the Moon will be installed.
Date: Daily from 12 June 2026
Time: 10.00 – 17.00
Age: Suitable for all ages
Location: Royal Observatory Greenwich
Admission: Free with entry to the Royal Observatory

AUGUST
Astronomy LEGO® brick club
Each session will have prompts based on themes including space, time and navigation.
Dates: 7, 14, 28 August 2026
Time: 14.30 – 16.30
Age: for ages 12 and under
Location: National Maritime Museum
Price: Free

Evening of Astrophotography: Sun, Moon and Eclipses
Date: 8 August 2026
Times 18.00 – 20.00
Age: Ages 16 and over
Location: National Maritime Museum
Price: Adult £14 | Student and Under 25 £10

Partial Eclipse Livestream
Date: 12 August 2026
Age: Ages 7 and over
Location: Online – Royal Observatory Greenwich YouTube Channel
Admission: Free
<https://www.rmng.co.uk>

National Maritime Museum

The Declaration of American Independence
To mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence,
Date: Daily from 15 June 2026
Time: 10.00 – 17.00
Age: Suitable for all ages
Location: Caird Library
Admission: Free

ZWO Astronomy Photographer of the Year 17
Date: Daily
Time: 10.00 – 17.00
Age: Suitable for all ages
Location: Photography Gallery
Admission: Adult £10 | Child £5 | Student £6.50

PUBLIC FESTIVALS
Caribbean Takeover
Date: 25 July 2026
Time: 10.00 – 17.00
Age: Suitable for all ages
Location: National Maritime Museum and Queen's House
Price: Free

Matariki
To mark Matariki, the Māori new year, the museum is partnering with communities from across the Pacific and the UK to host an afternoon of family activities, storytelling, dancing and creative workshops. The event will bring together communities to explore the connections between the stars and Pacific cultures.
Date: 11 July 2026
Time: 12.30 – 16.30
Age: Suitable for all ages
Location: National Maritime Museum
Price: Free

AUGUST
International Slavery Remembrance Day - After Abolition: Slavery, Empire and Repair
On International Slavery Remembrance Day, the National Maritime Museum presents After Abolition: Slavery, Empire, and Repair, a full-day programme of talks, workshops, performances, film screenings, and artistic interventions exploring the enduring legacies of transatlantic slavery and empire. Inspired by contemporary reparations movements across Africa and the UK, the programme brings historical collections into dialogue with contemporary artists, scholars, and activists to examine how abolition shaped Britain's imperial identity and what repair, restitution, and historical justice might mean today. Through critical conversations, creative responses, and community engagement, the event centres Africa as a site of intellectual and political leadership while creating space to reflect on the role of museums and colonial collections in ongoing reparative work.
Date: 23 August 2026
Time: 10.00 – 17.00
Age: Suitable for all ages
Location: National Maritime Museum
Admission: Free

Wellbeing Walk with Lira Valencia
Join outdoor content creator, community builder, and nature enthusiast Lira Valencia for a guided nature walk through Greenwich Park. Explore local wildlife and discover how accessible green spaces can support wellbeing, calm, and reflection in the middle of busy city life.
Date: 19 August 2026
Time: 14.30 – 16.30
Age: Suitable for ages 16-25
Location: King William Walk Gate
Admission: Free

Blackheath Halls

L'Enfant et les Sortilèges: an Opéra-Dansé by Colette and Ravel
Thu 2 Jul/Fri 3 Jul, 7.30pm
Sat 4 Jul, 2.30pm, 7.30pm
Trinity Laban vocal students and instrumentalists collaborate with final year contemporary dancers on the staging of this magical, mesmerising production. Directed by Ruth Mariner with Musical Direction by Dr. Leo Geyer, fresh from touring his award-winning Lost Music of Auschwitz and choreography by Trinity Laban's Will Aitchison, this promises to be a highlight of our summer performance season.

Black Umfolosi
Wed 8 Jul, 8.00pm
The internationally acclaimed acappella and dance group return to Blackheath Halls for the second time!

Battle of the Bands 2026
Fri 10 Jul, Doors open 6pm, Show starts 6.30pm
Come and join us for our third Trinity Laban Battle of the Bands!

Andy Smythe Band
Fri 10 Jul, 7.15pm
With music described as 'Colourful classy pop', London based singer-songwriter Andy Smythe has been playing Showcasing his 8th new studio album Quiet Revolution. This performance at Blackheath Halls with his full band will be supported by another local singer-songwriter Jo Girdlestone as well as multi-instrumentalist Malcolm MacWatt.

Lunchtime Recital: Elgin String Quartet
Mon 13 Jul, 1.10pm
The Elgin String Quartet brings together two masterworks of the string quartet repertoire Franz Joseph Haydn String Quartet in D major, Op. 71 No. 2 Benjamin Britten String Quartet No. 2 in C major

Blackheath Schools Go Gospel 2026
Tue 14 Jul, 7.00pm
Led by a fabulous array of gospel leaders, this event will be big, rousing schools' celebration of all-things gospel music, with over 160 young voices raising the roof of our Great Hall! Lena Wright | Presenter and Lead Tutor/Abraham Hampton | Piano St Ursula's school choir/Invicta School choir/Blackheath Halls Youth Choir St Margaret's Lee Years 4 & 5
www.blackheathhalls.com/whats-on/

Blackheath Flower Arranging Society

Fri 17th 1 - 3 pm Blackheath Flower Club at Mycenae House - come & see professional flower demonstrators create modern artistic displays which are raffled off. Admission £8.

Woodlands Farm



MARKET PLACE

THERAPIST

LOCAL PSYCHOTHERAPIST

A gentle conversation might be the clarity you've been looking for. Book an informal discovery call. Also clinical supervision for therapists. Caring and experienced. A safe, confidential space to talk. Thoughtful therapy and supervision. Online sessions or in person on Langton Way. Email: hello@sallysmith.life www.sallysmith.life

LOCAL THERAPIST offering caring, confidential CBT and couples therapy —online or in-person at Mycenae House. Book a free 15-min consultation, call: 07889 755299 or hello@Sasha-Louise.com. Visit www.Sasha-Louise.com

TUITION

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS OFFER SINGING/PIANO LESSONS. All ages/levels. Friendly, experienced. Email danielhartpiano@gmail.com

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED PREPARATION FOR 11+ OR ENTRANCE EXAMS? I am a tutor with 12 years' experience, working from home near Blackheath Standard. I specialise in the Bexley and Kent 11+ as well as exams and interview coaching for local independent schools. I also offer intensive revision sessions over the summer holidays. Contact jo@josephineelliss.co.uk - <https://josephineelliss.co.uk>

CELLO LESSONS Offered by grade 8 distinction and diploma level student. 07989490810 Hugwilliam@icloud.com

ENGLISH TUITION: 11+, I/GCSE, A-Level, Oxbridge preparation. 20 years experience in selective independent London day school. Contact: glhjenkins@icloud.com.

Debating workshop sessions available for schools.

HOME SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR YOUR DIGITAL DEVICES Need some help with computers, phones and tablets? I'm a DBS checked IT trainer, over 20 years experience. Friendly and patient. £50 /hour (£20 call out). Discounts for block bookings. Contact Paul for options: 07985 643 506, paul.clayton@soulchip.co.uk

GERMAN TUITION, language and literature, in person, local German teacher. All levels and ages, DBS checked. Please contact Dr Katharina Rist at 07533 061757 or rist@ristconsulting.com

MATHS & ENGLISH TUITION TO GCSE AND PREPARATION FOR 11+ AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL SELECTION TESTS by qualified and experienced teacher. marystuition.com Mary Bauckham 07709 089 838 marybauckham@gmail.com

MATHS TUITION Qualified and experienced secondary teacher offers tuition to GCSE level. Call Miv Whitaker: 07745 816338; or email miv.whitaker@gmail.com

SERVICES & TRADE

IS MTD WORRYING YOU? I can help! Bookkeeping, Accountancy and Payroll services available. VAT, PAYE, Sole Trader, Landlords etc self-assessment. 07946 53 00 53 hello@companyfinances.co.uk

SPANISH TUITION: Qualified Classroom teacher and Tutor. GCSE, A and IB preparation Exams. All levels and ages: at the comfort of your home if you request. DBS checked. Spanish Club conversation classes all levels from September. For more information Mrs Maria Matin 07767 461 552 or mariamatin1404@yahoo.com

REGULAR GARDEN MAINTENANCE Lawn care, weeding, seasonal pruning, topiary, hedge cutting, planting, RHS qualified. Free quotes and advice. Call John 07746121510 davidsongardenservices@outlook.com

AMANDA ARTHUR LOCAL GARDENER based SE3 and local areas, available for pruning, clearing, planting advice, general help and maintenance. Please call or message 0797 689 9760

T.TA ELECTRICS. NICEIC Approved Contractor, Quality Tradesman. All electrical work undertaken, Fully Insured & Guaranteed.

24HR EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL. Please call Tony on 07961 509 403 OR 020 8488 7425 OR info@ttaelectrics.co.uk

LOCAL CARPET CLEANER Specialist in cleaning Carpets, Upholstery & Rugs. www.carpetcrew.co.uk Phone 07828 503 132

PEST CONTROL SERVICES Mice, Rats, Squirrels, Wasps, Foxes etc. Local Service 07850 839 655

DV SERVICES PLUMBING & HANDYMAN Blockages & drains, Radiator valves and radiators not working, Change and fix toilets, sinks, showers & taps in bathrooms, toilets and kitchens. We can fix it! Call Daniel on: 07904 880 448

UPHOLSTERER Specialising in traditional upholstery. www.suemayesupholstery.net or phone 07932 040 298

WESTCOMBE CLEANERS I'm a friendly, hard-working & organised domestic cleaner. Regular or single services. Competitive rates. Additional tasks. I love my clients to be happy. Phone 07746 291617

FULLY INSURED & QUALIFIED CARPENTER joiner & general building work/specialist in traditionally handmade timber double glazed sash windows & doors/retrofit double glazing & vacuum insulated glass/listed and heritage building work undertaken. Tel: 020 3375 8597 Mob: 07930 453 310 Email: joseph@mcnamarabuildinganddevelopment.co.uk www.mcnamarabuildinganddevelopment.co.uk

HOMEWORKS All-round handyman for those DIY's you have no time for! General repairs. Painting & Decorating. General Carpentry and flooring. Flat-pack assembly. Patio and deck cleaning. No job too small. Contact Matthew Barron 07903 388658

ELECTRICIAN / ALARM & CCTV ENGINEER 30+ years' experience – No job too small Call: 07879 011792

MARK CHEESEMEN, LOCAL CARPENTER AND JOINER WITH OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE. All Aspects Of Carpentry and Construction Executed Considerately and to a High Standard. Both Traditional and Contemporary Design Joinery - Cupboards, Window seats, Floating Shelves, Engineered Flooring Fitted Etc. Also Locks Changed. Sash Window Overhaul. If you have Rotten Window Sills, Door Frames Etc. rather than replace them with the associated upheaval and expense, why not have a Timber/Resin Repair? Please Call Mark on 07767 456131 or H: 020 8854 4028.

ANGELO, ELECTRICIAN No Job Too Small T - 020 87616012/ M - 07850 767 283 Email - angelo@glennies.net Part P Certificated 18th Edition & JIB Registered

CLOTHES ALTERATIONS We fix Trousers, dresses and jackets. 07904 880 448

CAKES

HOME MADE DELIVERY: Lunches/Dinners: Pasta Salad bowls, Rice dishes, Fruit pots, breakfast rolls and Lunch baguettes. Order: personalised Birthday Cake and monthly cupcake Boxes. Made with Love! Request a menu! Call: 07904 880 448

FOR SALE

MOTORHOME FOR SALE. We've had six years of fun, but now we need to slow down! Available to view in Westcombe Park. 2009. 44,300 miles. One year guarantee on reconditioned engine. Fixed double bed. Central heating. Gas/Electric Fridge. Shower and toilet. Gas oven. £23,000. Come and have a look! Call Robbie: 07836 280 125.



appliance care experts

We provide, maintain, and repair all your commercial and domestic laundry, dishwasher and oven equipment efficiently and hassle-free.

ACE stands out for its exceptional service, attention to detail, and commitment to customer satisfaction.

- Over 20 years experience
- Professional Expertise
- Efficiency and Reliability
- Peace of Mind

www.appliancecareexperts.co.uk

Follow us @ace_services_uk



Commercial & Domestic Laundry Equipment

Dishwashers

Ovens

Gas Safe Registered Engineer

VAT:491416387 | Company Registration No. 16399440

INVESTMENTS

PENSIONS

ESTATE PLANNING

STARKEY

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Contact us: 020 8853 7160
admin@starkeyfp.co.uk

2 Charlton Road, Blackheath Standard, London SE3 7EX

Independent and friendly advice from south east London's top team of Chartered Financial Planners

Starkey Financial Planning Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority



BLACKHEATH HIGH SCHOOL

GDST



Where girls boldly go
blackheathhighschool.gdst.net/admissions/open-mornings

Book your place at our Autumn Open Mornings

Nursery and Junior School: 26 September 2026

Senior School and Sixth Form: 19 September 2026